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Worksheet for “Hidden in America”

Read the questions before you watch the film so that you will know what to look for while you watch. When you make notes while the film is playing, make sure that your note taking doesn't interfere with carefully watching the movie. Jot down brief notes on the worksheet because you will be required to fully respond to the questions as part of a homework assignment.

Here is a table to add facts about the movie, conduct, and quotes.

MAIN CHARACTERS	NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS
Bill Januson	
Willa Januson	
Robbie Januson	

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Caroline Millerton	
Dr. Michael Millerton	
Dee Millerton	

Later, you will be asked to complete an assignment that relates to these questions and compares and contrasts the movie to Make Lemonade. While you are watching, think about how the conduct, situations, and statements of characters are similar and different. To prepare for that writing assignment, answer the following questions.

1. Briefly describe the position that the film takes about poverty.

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2. Summarize the plot of the film: how it begins, what happens in the middle, and how it ends.

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3. List THREE SPECIFIC facts described in the film that impressed you because they are SIGNIFICANT and explain how each fact relates to the film's topic of poverty.

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4. How do the filmmakers convince the viewers that people who are in poverty need help to break the cycle of poverty? Did they appeal to logic, emotion, and/or prejudice?

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5. Was the film realistic or unrealistic? Explain why it was accurate or flawed.

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6. Did the film change your mind about any aspect of poverty? What information, argument or persuasive technique caused you to change your mind?

Notes:

- **Bill Januson** - Widower and father of two children. A year ago he had a house and a good job. He was making \$16/hr working on an assembly weld line at a [GM](#) auto plant. After working there for 17 years a robot took over his job. Bill's wife died of cancer seven months ago. He calls himself a jack of all trades although he has no high school diploma. He thinks that what's wrong with this country is that no one wants to work for a living.
- **Willa Januson** - Willa is Bill's young daughter. As the movie progresses her health deteriorates due to [malnutrition](#).
- **Robbie Januson** - Willa's 11-year-old brother. He is always picking on his little sister good-naturedly to toughen her up. He is the kind of kid who is into the [Silver Surfer](#) and who wants to create a [time capsule](#) for the future. Robbie is very mature and responsible for his age. He is always trying to give his father advice. For example, he suggests his father learn about [cyberspace](#) to help him get a better job and he says they should get a [solar cell](#) to save money on electricity.
- **Caroline Millerton** - Willa's best friend and Dr. Millerton's daughter.
- **Dr. Michael Millerton** - Doctor and father of Caroline. He first meets Willa when she comes to play with Caroline. He later develops a friendship with Bill when he brings Willa to the clinic. He tries his best to help Bill by trying to find him a job or offering to loan him money.
- **Dee Millerton**- Dr. Millerton's wife. She is a very generous person. She is the kind of person who is willing to invite Willa over every day for every meal.